

## Antimicrobial Activity of *Cladosporium oxysporum* Endophytic Fungus Extract Isolated From *Aglaia odorata* Lour

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### ABSTRACT

**Background:** Endophytic fungi have economic potential as enzymes, medicines and biological control agents. *Cladosporium oxysporum* endophytic fungi can be isolated from a plant named *Aglaia odorata* Lour (Indonesian: Pacar Cina). This plant can be found in Purwodadi Botanical Garden, Pasuruan, East Java. This study aimed to assess the antimicrobial activity from the ethyl acetate extract of the *Cladosporium oxysporum* endophytic fungi against *Escherichia coli*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, and *Candida albicans*.

**Subjects and Method:** This was a descriptive study. *C. oxysporum* was cultivated, extracted, and fractionated. The fractions then were applied to antimicrobial activity assay. Disc diffusion method was used in this project with 2 mg/disc concentration extracts.

**Results:** Some fractions of ethyl acetate extracts *C.oxysporum* showed antimicrobial activity against all microbials tested. 6 of 13 fractions exhibited inhibition zone against *S. aureus* ATCC 6538, *E. coli* ATCC 8739, and *C. albicans* ATCC 10231. The seventh fraction exhibited the highest inhibition zone against *S. aureus* ATCC 6538, and *C.albicans* ATCC 10231. The tenth fraction exhibit ed the highest zone against *E. coli* ATCC 8739.

**Conclusion:** *Cladosporium oxysporum* from *Aglaia odorata* could be a good source of antimicrobial substance. It produces bioactive agent that can be developed into a new drug at a larger commercial scale.

**Keywords:** endophytic fungi, *cladosporium oxysporum*, *aglaia odorata* lour, antimicrobial activity

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### BACKGROUND

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Endophytic fungi potentially important in the future as source of raw materials for drugs, antibiotics, enzymes, insecticides and plant growth hormones (Pimentel et al., 2010; Stribel and Daisy 2003). Endophytic fungi potentially economically important in the future as a source of raw materials for drugs, antibiotics, enzyme, insecticides and plant growth hormones (Pimentel et al., 2010; Strobel and Daisy, 2003). Endophytes produce secondary metabolites to protect itself and its host of pest nematodes, mammals, insects, bacteria and fungi pathogens (Tan and Zou, 2001).

Nowadays the need to obtain new antimicrobial compounds to overcome the resistance of pathogenic microbes cause various infectious diseases in particular developing tropical region, e.g. tuberculosis and malaria is urgent. On the otherhand, endophytic fungi are known to produce bioactive metabolites among others efficacious antimicrobial, it is necessary to do research to determine new antimicrobial compounds from endophytic fungi in Indonesia's rich of biodiversity.

Endophytic microbes may include bacteria, actinomycetes and fungi that live inter and intra-cellular in healthy plant tissue. Endophytic fungi store unlimited potential as a source of valuable natural ma-

terials for medicine raw materials (Nalini et al., 2005). Strobel (2002) said most endophytic been investigated, mostly a source of antibiotics.

Redell and Gordon (2000) as quoted by Strobel and Daisy, 2003 declared endophyte in tropical rain forest environment is superior and is a source of metabolites of novel and biologically active. Reported by Bills et al., 2002 endophyte tropical provide a more active metabolite and vary very significantly from the endophyte from subtropical climates (Strobel and Daisy, 2003). Indonesia biological resources, particularly endophytic microbes have not been studied and utilized, whereas its potential as a source of valuable active ingredients and compounds (novel substances) is very large. Nine kinds of compounds that have been isolated from *Lecythophora* sp. endophytic fungus derived from *Alyxia reinwardtii* BL (pulasari) shown to have antimicrobial activity and a variety of other activities (Sugijanto et al., 2009; 2011).

*Aglaia odorata* Lour (Indonesian: *Pacar Cina*) is an Indonesian medicinal plants used for abdominal bloating, difficulty swallowing, cough, dizziness, bruises, sores, body odor and diarrhea (Hariana, 2005). Various endophytic fungi have been isolated from *Aglaia odorata* one *Cladosporium oxysporum* that the initial testing of ethyl acetate extracts showed antimicrobial activity (Sugijanto et al., 2005). There may be a variety of bioactive compounds in the extract, it is necessary to do the separation (fractionation and isolation) the active compound is more effective when it is guided by the activity test (isolation guidance by activity).

The study aimed to determine the antimicrobial activity of the extract fractions endophytic fungus *Cladosporium oxysporum* against microbes *Escherichia coli*, *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Candida albicans*.

Long-term goal acquired potent new antimicrobial finding efficacious and safe so that it can be used as raw material for medicine.

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## SUBJECTS AND METHOD

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### Materials

Host plants obtained from Purwodadi, East Java and have been identified as *Aglaia odorata* by LIPI- Purwodadi. The endophytic fungus *Cladosporium oxysporum* isolated from *Aglaia odorata* according to the procedure Sugijanto et al., (2009) and identified by Pharmazeutische Institut für Biologie, Universität Düsseldorf with mushrooms code AGO by Dr. Arnulf Diesel (Düsseldorf University).

Microbial testing: *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 6538 (gram-positive), *Escherichia coli* ATCC 8739 (Gram negative) and the fungus *Candida albicans* ATCC 10231 was obtained from P.T. Otsuka, Indonesia. Test bacteria were identified by Gram staining and Lactofenol Cotton Blue for *Candida albicans* before use.

Materials used media agar (food grade), malt extract (E. Merck), Saboroud 2% dextrose broth (Oxoid, CMI), potatoes dextrose agar (Difco), and nutrient broth (Oxoid, CMI). Chemicals, used NaCl (P.A., E. Merck), ethyl acetate, methanol, n-hexane and dichloromethane P.A. (Mallinckrodt Baker Inc., Philipsburg, NJ), chloroform (P.A., E. Merck), TLC plates Silicagel 60 F254, and silicagel 60 G for column (E. Merck). Streptomycin sulfate (PT. Meiji Indonesia) as a positive control for antibacterial and ketoconazole (pharmaceutical grade, P.T. Bernofarm, Surabaya) as the benchmark for anti-fungal.

Tools used autoclave (Huxley HL-340 Speedy), laminar air flow cabinet (Dalton), an analytical balance (Mettler Toledo AB 204-s), pH-meter (Fischer Accumet-230A), chamber chromatography (Camag), UV light,

spectrophotometer UV-Vis (Lambda EZ 201 Perkin Elmer) and Hitachi F-4000.

### **Cultivation of endophytic fungi**

*Cladosporium oxysporum* isolated preserved in malt extract agar, rejuvenated every six months, stored at a temperature of 5-10° C. Preparation of inoculum for cultivation in liquid media, do rejuvenation in advance by way of one loop of endophytic fungi from parent cultures were grown in malt extract agar medium and incubated 7 days. One OSE inoculum was 7 days, grown in 40 ml of liquid malt extract medium with a pH of 5.6 in a 300 ml Erlenmeyer flask. Cultures were incubated stationary (static culture) at room temperature and harvested at 28 days (Sugijanto et al, 2009). Mass cultivation is done within  $\pm 13.2$  L liquid medium (431 bottle culture).

### **Extract Preparation**

*Cladosporium oxysporum* metabolite extraction is done by homogenous biomass and liquid in the blender. Subsequently extracted with ethyl acetate half its volume, was ultrasonic for fifteen minutes and shaken with rotary-shaker for 1 hour and separated by a separating funnel. Extraction is repeated three times and the ethyl acetate extract was concentrated by vacuum rotary evaporator at a temperature of 35°C.

### **Fractionation of secondary metabolites**

The ethyl acetate extract ( $\pm 2.8$  g) was fractionated by column chromatography (CC) (Cannell, 1998). The stationary phase Silica gel 60 for column chromatography ( $\pm 200$  g, size 70-230 mesh), eluted beginning with n-hexane. Elution continued with n-hexane: ethyl acetate (1:1) (v/v); n-hexane: ethyl acetate (1:9) (v/v) to ethyl acetate 100%, then ethyl acetate: methanol (9: 1) (v/v) with a gradient of 10% to 100% methanol. Results separation accommodated in the vial. Every 5 vials and analyzed multiples thin layer chromatography (TLC) using

Silica gel 60 F254 plates with stains UV at  $\lambda$  254 and anisaldehyde sulphuric acid. TLC results were the same color stain and Rf combined in one fraction, and the fractions of the tested antimicrobial activity.

### **Test of antimicrobial activity**

Test of antimicrobial activity performed diffusion disc (disc diffusion method) (Doughari, 2006). Medium test used Saboroud 2% dextrose agar for fungi and nutrient agar for bacteria. Microbial inoculum preparation of test done by a loop of the culture was taken inventory of each colony, surface streaking agar slant and incubated 24 hours at a temperature of 37-38°C for bacteria and 32-33°C for mushrooms. Microbial cultures age test 24 hours added 10 mL of sterile 0.9% sodium chloride, and transmittance measured with a spectrophotometer at a wave length of 580 nm to achieve 25% transmittance (Ministry of Health, 1995). Mushrooms test prepared by a fungus use inserted a tube containing 10 mL of sterile distilled water diluted to obtain a suspension with 90% transmittance at a wave length of 540 nm.

Created test solutions of each fraction were already known weight, was dissolved to obtain a level of 100,000 ppm. 20 mL of test solution in drops to a paper disk (disc), which is equivalent to 2 mg/disc. As a positive control in drops 20 mL streptomycin sulfate 100 ppm, 20 mL solution of 2000 ppm for antifungal ketoconazole and 20 mL ethyl acetate as a negative control.

Suspension microbes (each 10 mL for *C. albicans*, *S. aureus* and *E. coli*) was added to 15.0 ml of sterile media that melted (temperature  $\pm 45^\circ\text{C}$ ), homogenized, immediately poured into a petri dish and left to solidify. Petri dishes containing media and microbes are added the paper disk that already contains the test solution and the positive and negative controls. The bacteria were incubated at 37 °C, 32 °C for the fungi

for 24-48 hours. After 24-48 hours, a clear zone (diameter of inhibition) was measured with calipers. Replication is done three times for each of the fractions and microbes.

The results obtained ethyl acetate extract 5.52 g, yellowish brown. Furthermore, 2.8 g fractionated by column chromatography, TLC analyzed the results obtained after 13 fractions. The test results antimicrobial extract fractions *C.oxysporum* presented in Table 1 to 3.

## RESULTS

**Table 1. Results of Antimicrobial Test fraction extracts against microbes *C. oxysporum* E. coli ATCC 8739**

Fraction Number	Positive Control Inhibition Zone (Streptomisin)		Inhibition Zone Test Fraction		48 hours	120 hours
	Diameter Average $\pm$ SD (mm)	RSD (%)	Diameter Average $\pm$ SD (mm)	RSD (%)		
1.	18.20 $\pm$ 1.56	8.58	-	-	-	-
2.	18.20 $\pm$ 1.56	8.58	-	-	-	-
3.	18.20 $\pm$ 1.56	8.58	8.45 $\pm$ 0.53	6.26	--	--
4.	18.20 $\pm$ 1.56	8.58	11.90 $\pm$ 1.46	12.27	--	--
5.	18.20 $\pm$ 1.56	8.58	12.67 $\pm$ 1.10	8.67	--	--
6.	19.20 $\pm$ 1.03	5.38	13.98 $\pm$ 1.63	11.67	+	+
7.	18.20 $\pm$ 1.56	8.58	18.41 $\pm$ 1.56	8.46	+	+
8.	19.20 $\pm$ 1.03	5.38	-	-	-	-
9.	19.20 $\pm$ 1.03	5.38	-	-	-	-
10.	19.50 $\pm$ 0.59	3.02	19.50 $\pm$ 1.00	5.12	+	+
11.	19.50 $\pm$ 0.59	3.02	-	-	-	-
12.	19.20 $\pm$ 1.03	5.38	-	-	-	-
13.	19.50 $\pm$ 0.59	3.02	-	-	-	-

Information:

(-- ) There was growing around the inhibition zone,

(+ ) Remain clear inhibition zone

**Table 2. The antimicrobial activity of the ethyl acetate extracts fraction *C. oxysporum* against *Staphylococcus* microbes, aureus ATCC 6538**

Fraction Number	Positive Control (Streptomycin)		Inhibition zone test fraction		48 hours	120 Hours
	Diameter Average $\pm$ SD (mm)	RSD (%)	Diameter Average $\pm$ SD (mm)	RSD (%)		
1.	14.98 $\pm$ 1.36	9.09	-	-	-	-
2.	14.98 $\pm$ 1.36	9.09	-	-	-	-
3.	14.98 $\pm$ 1.36	9.09	8.32 $\pm$ 0.14	1.74	+	+
4.	14.98 $\pm$ 1.36	9.09	12.72 $\pm$ 2.12	16.69	+	+
5.	14.98 $\pm$ 1.36	9.09	16.53 $\pm$ 1.13	6.80	+	+
6.	18.40 $\pm$ 2.48	13.50	13.30 $\pm$ 0.85	6.42	+	+
7.	14.98 $\pm$ 1.36	9.09	18.52 $\pm$ 2.27	12.24	+	+
8.	18.40 $\pm$ 2.48	13.50	-	-	-	-
9.	14.98 $\pm$ 1.36	9.09	7.15 $\pm$ 0.13	1.85	--	--
10.	18.40 $\pm$ 2.48	13.50	13.22 $\pm$ 1.03	7.77	+	+
11.	18.40 $\pm$ 2.48	13.50	7.88 $\pm$ 0.57	7.21	+	+
12.	18.40 $\pm$ 2.48	13.50	-	-	-	-
13.	18.40 $\pm$ 2.48	13.50	-	-	-	-

**Table 3. The antimicrobial activity of the ethyl acetate extract fraction *C. oxysporum* against microbes *C.albicans* ATCC 10231**

Fraction Number	Positive Control (Ketokonazol)		Inhibition Zone Test Fraction		48 Hours	120 Hours
	Average Diameter± SD (mm)	RSD (%)	Average Diameter ± SD (mm)	RSD (%)		
1.	11.8±0.48	4.09	-	-	-	-
2.	11.8±0.48	4.09	-	-	-	-
3.	11.8±0.48	4.09	9.18±1.16	12.6	+	+
4.	11.8±0.48	4.09	7.42±0.64	8.56	--	--
5.	11.8±0.48	4.09	15.7±1.21	7.72	+	+
6.	11.0±0.49	4.48	14.0±1.70	12.1	+	+
7.	11.8±0.48	4.09	26.8±0.72	2.69	+	+
8.	11.0±0.49	4.48	-	-	-	-
9.	11.8±0.48	4.09	8.23±0.98	11.9	--	--
10.	11.0±0.49	4.48	19.9±0.63	3.18	+	+
11.	11.0±0.49	4.48	8.87±0.71	7.98	+	+
12.	11.0±0.49	4.48	9.55±1.56	16.3	+	+
13.	11.0±0.49	4.48	-	-	-	-

Fraction 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and provide inhibitory zone 8.05 to 20.15 mm on *Escherichia coli* ATCC 8739, and a fraction to-10 provides the greatest inhibition zone diameter. Fraction to 6, 7 and 10 provide power resistor which last up to 120 hours. Fraction 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11 showed the inhibition zone diameter from 7.00 to 20.40 mm on *S. aureus* ATCC 6538 last up to 120 hours. Fraction to -7 provides the greatest inhibition zone diameter on *S. aureus* ATCC 6538. Fraction to 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 and 12 provide inhibition zone on *C. albicans* ATCC 10231 between 7.05 to 27.40 mm. the inhibitory effects last up to 120 hours except the fraction of the 4<sup>th</sup>. Fraction 7<sup>th</sup> provides the greatest diameter of inhibition zone on *C. albicans* ATCC 10231.

## DISCUSSION

Metabolic extraction with semi-polar solvent is ethyl acetate with consideration of a variety of bioactive metabolites produced endophytic fungi is generally semi-polar

and extracted well by ethyl acetate. The solvent is ethyl acetate that is semipolar has a large solubility for phytochemical compounds (*phytoconstituents*) efficacious antimicrobial (Doughari, 2006).

Fractionation and antimicrobial test results showed 6 to 13 fractions giving inhibition zone on Gram positive, negative and fungi that *S. aureus* ATCC 6538, ATCC 8739 *E. coli* and *C. albicans* ATCC 10231 at 24 hours incubation (Table 1-3). Fraction 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> fractions showed activity with a broad spectrum in three microbes were fractions 9 and 11 seem to be more sensitive to Gram positive bacteria (*S. aureus* ATCC 6538) and fungi (*C. albicans* ATCC 10231). Fraction 7<sup>th</sup> provides the greatest diameter of inhibition zone on *S. aureus* ATCC 6538 and *C. albicans* ATCC 10231. *E. coli* ATCC 8739 fraction 10<sup>th</sup> provides the greatest inhibition zone diameter. A test extract more active on Gram negative or Gram positive bacteria and fungi need for caution in terms of the difference in the diameter of inhibition zone formed. This is due to other

factors that influence such as the amount of inoculum and homogeneous or whether the extract solution (Raviraja et al, 2005).

The observation after 48 and 120 hours incubation showed changes to the inhibition zone on a few fractions. The presence of growth inhibitory zone around the fraction shown by 3, 4, 5 in *E. coli*, fraction 9<sup>th</sup> in *S. aureus*; as well as fraction of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in *C. albicans*, significant fractions. In contrast to the fraction of the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in *E. coli*; fraction of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10 and 11 in *S. aureus*; as well as the fraction of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11 and 12 in *C. albicans* showed inhibition zone which remains clear for 48 and 120 hours. The absence of microbial growth inhibition zone in the area for more than 24 hours is assumed that the test materials are bactericide and fungicide (Doughari, 2006), although it needs further study.

The existence of some fraction of the extract of *C. oxysporum* cannot inhibit the growth of microbes, may be due to the test material with a level of 2 mg / disk phytochemical compounds (phytoconstituents) are efficacious antimicrobial present in relatively small concentrations that are not able to fight microbes. Factors that influence and should be considered in testing the antimicrobial activity with this method include the concentration of the bacteria were added to the media (the amount of inoculum), contamination of pathogens, the diffusion effect of antibiotics used, the thickness of media, incubation temperature, incubation time and the nutrients media, Strains of microorganisms used test should also be considered because the strains are different, there are different levels of sensitivity to the test compounds (Hostettmann, 1991).

Microbial samples used in this study represent bacteria and fungi that cause diseases such as skin infections, acne, boils,

cystitis, pyelitis (*Staphylococcus aureus*), diarrhea and indigestion (*Escherichia coli*) and vaginal discharge in women or candidiasis (*Candida albicans*) (Hostettmann, 1991).

Differences genus and endophytic fungal strains will produce different antimicrobial activity (Wang et al., 2007). Fractions and isolates *brefeldina* compound of *Clado* sp. in plants *Quercus variabilis* has antimicrobial activity against *Trichophyton rubrum*, *Candida albicans*, *Aspergillus niger*, *Esche coli*, *Bacillus subtilis* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* Wang (2007). Phenolic comp and polyphenols include flavonoids and alkaloids generally have pharmacological properties as an antimicrobial (Pena et al., 2011) are also groups of terpenoids, sesquiterpen, steroids, essential oils, lectin and a polypeptide known to play a role in the antimicrobial activity (Cowan, 1992).

In a study of metabolite profile in the TLC-densitometry *C. oxysporum* fungus isolated from *Aglaia odorata* compound obtained steroids, terpenoids, sesquiterpen and the ethyl acetate extract (Winarti, 2005). Such compounds are thought to play a role in the antimicrobial activity of the existing fractions. This indicates secondary metabolites have antimicrobial activity, are produced as a defense mechanism against bacterial and fungal pathogens to its host. Production of bioactive compounds is efficacious antimicrobial by endophyte, as was already known due to the specificity of the biological condition of host plants and endophyte to protect from pathogens (Strobel and Daisy, 2003).

Conclusion: The results of the fractionation *Cladosporium oxysporum* ethyl acetate extract obtained 13 fractions, 6 fractions including providing test microbial inhibition zone against *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 6538, *Escherichia coli* ATCC 8739 and *Candida albicans* ATCC 10231 at 24 h

incubation. 8 fractions of 13 fractions giving inhibition against *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 6538; 6 fraction inhibits *Escherichia coli* ATCC 8739 and 9 fractions provide barriers against *Candida albicans* ATCC 10231. Fraction 3rd to 7th and 10th fractions showed activity with a broad spectrum against all three microbes.

The next steps necessary purification and isolation of the metabolites of fractions as antimicrobial active extract of *Cladosporium oxysporum* and characterization and structure elucidation and the testing of pure isolates with microbes that are resistant to existing antimicrobial. *C. oxysporum* in-venttionendophytic fungi that can produce a variety of bioactive metabolites open new opportunities to perform drug production on a commercial scale from microbes hidden inside the host plants.

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